

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-6 (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) A fixing element for fixing a corrugated tube to a support part, said fixing element being connected to said support part by a leg and having at least two engaging members engageable with at least two undercuts provided on said corrugated tube, said fixing element comprising:

a guiding rail connected to said leg, said guiding rail ~~having~~ including a first side wall having an engaging edge and a second side wall, said guiding rail having at least two guiding surfaces, one of said at least two guiding surfaces being formed on one side of said guiding rail by said second side wall and the other of said at least two guiding surfaces being formed on another side of the guiding rail by a step of the first side wall ~~said first side wall having an engaging edge;~~ and

a slide displaceably secured on said guiding rail, said slide having a retainer lock arranged on said slide and tapered in an inserting direction, said retainer lock having a retainer lock surface including an engaging edge that is positioned opposite to said engaging edge of said guiding rail, said engaging edge of said guiding rail and said engaging edge of said first side wall being directed toward one another in a mirror-inverted fashion and being engageable with said at least two undercuts of said corrugated tube, a distance between said engaging edges being reduced when said slide is moved on said guiding rail in an inserting direction.

8. (Currently Amended) The fixing element according to claim 7, wherein said slide ~~includes~~ is positionable in a disengaged position in which said slide is partially pulled out of said

guiding rail and said distance between said engaging edge is the greatest, and an engaged position in which said slide is inserted into said guiding rail and said distance between said engaging edges is reduced.

9. (Currently Amended) The fixing element according to claim 8, wherein said guiding rail further comprises a base, ~~a second side wall, at least two guiding surfaces for said slide and an engaging tab, said engaging tab~~ having an upwardly directed locking tab, said locking tab being adapted to elastically engage a front notch and a rear notch provided on an underside of said slide at a distance from one another, said front notch defining said disengaged position of said slide and said rear notch defining said engaged position of said slide.

10. (Currently Amended) The fixing element according to claim 8, wherein said slide further comprises a flat base part, and said retainer lock includes an outer retainer lock surface and an inner retainer lock surface, said outer retainer lock surface and said inner retainer lock surface being adapted to slidably engage said at least two guiding surfaces of said guiding rail, ~~one of said at least two guiding surfaces being formed on one side of guiding rail by said second side wall and one of said at least two guiding surfaces being forming on another side of said guiding rail by a step of said first side wall.~~

11. (Currently Amended) The fixing element according to claim 10, wherein said guiding rail further comprises a first rectangular groove formed underneath said step of said first side wall and a second rectangular groove formed in said second side wall, and said slide includes a first and a second guiding ridge that laterally protrude from said ~~[[a]]~~ base part of said

slide, said first guiding ridge being adapted to slidably engage said first rectangular groove and second guiding ridge being adapted to slidably engage said second rectangular groove.

12. (Currently Amended) The fixing element according to claim 10 wherein said at least two guiding surfaces for said slide are formed on said side walls of said guiding rail and extend transversely in reference to a center line of ~~[[a]]~~ said base of said guiding rail, and said ~~slide includes a base part that transversely of said slide~~ extends at a same angle as said guiding surfaces, and said engaging edge of said retainer lock surface and said engaging edge of said guiding rail form one guiding surface for said base part of said slide and extend parallel in reference to said center line of said base of said guiding rail.

Claims 13-18 (Cancelled)

19. (New) A fixing element for fixing a first part having a pair of sides to a second part, said fixing element comprising:

a slide having longitudinally extending edge for engaging one of the pair of sides of the first part;

a base body having a longitudinal axis and having an engaging edge spaced apart from said edge of said slide for engaging the other of the pair of sides of the first part, said base body including a guide rail adapted to receive said slide for selective linear movement along said guide rail in an insertion direction parallel to said longitudinal axis of said base body, said guide rail being disposed at a predetermined angle relative to one of said edge of said slide and said engaging edge, such that said selective linear movement of said slide in said insertion direction

causes a transverse displacement of said edge of said slide toward said engaging edge, thereby clamping the sides of the first part.

20. (New) A fixing element as set forth in claim 19, wherein said edge of said slide and engaging edge of said base body remain parallel during said selective linear movement of said slide relative to said base body.

21. (New) A fixing element as set forth in claim 20, wherein said guide rail includes a first side wall that widens in said insertion direction.

22. (New) A fixing element as set forth in claim 21, wherein said base includes a second side wall that tapers in said insertion direction.

23. (New) A fixing element as set forth in claim 22, wherein said first and second side walls of said base body are spaced apart to define a transversely extending recess for slidably receiving said slide therein.

24. (New) A fixing element as set forth in claim 23 including first and second guiding surfaces extending longitudinally along said first and second side walls, respectively, for guiding said slide during said selective linear movement.

25. (New) A fixing element as set forth in claim 24, wherein said edge of said slide is defined by an undercut extending longitudinally along said first side wall.

26. (New) A fixing element as set forth in claim 25, wherein said slide includes a base part slidably engaged with said first and second guiding surfaces.

27. (New) A fixing element as set forth in claim 26, wherein said slide includes a retainer lock that projects outwardly from said base part, said retainer lock tapering in said insertion direction to define an outer retainer lock surface and an inner retainer lock surface opposite said outer retainer lock surface.

28. (New) A fixing element as set forth in claim 27, where said second engaging edge is defined by an undercut formed in said inner retainer lock surface.

29. (New) A fixing element as set forth in claim 28, wherein said slide is moveable in said insertion direction between a locked position, wherein said first and second engaging edges are clampingly engaged against opposite sides of the first part, and an unlocked position, wherein said first and second engaging edges are disengaged from the first part.

30. (New) A fixing element as set forth in claim 29, wherein said base part includes a notch formed therein, which corresponds to said locked position.

31. (New) A fixing element as set forth in claim 30, wherein said base body includes an engaging tab bent outwardly to engage said notch and maintain said slide in said locked position.

32. (New) A fixing element as set forth in claim 31, wherein said base body includes a leg extending outwardly therefrom, said leg adapted for fixed attachment to the second part.